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SAN DIEGO, Calif. --Andy Vinci, a member of the coaching staff which guided College of the Desert from the basement of the Desert Athletic Conference to gridiron respectability, has been named University of San Diego head football coach.

The University has operated on the "club" level for the past three years and will continue under the same student-sponsored, financed and directed program. Jim Gray, who posted a 10-13 record for the past three seasons as Torero head coach resigned following the 1971 season.

Vinci, 31, handled the offensive line for COD head coach Bill Reeske during the 1970 and 1971 seasons. Four players earned all-conference honors under his tutelage.

Vinci was also offensive coordinator for the Roadrunners for those two seasons and during that time COD averaged more than 25 points per game. Against junior college competition, the desert college posted a 14-4 record.

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"We're pleased to have a gentleman of Vinci's capabilities guiding our program," said Athletic Director Phil Woolpert. "Our program in the past has lacked fundamental organization and we feel Andy can certainly fill that role in addition to his obvious success on the field." continued Woolpert. With the program being financed and sponsored by the Associated Student Body, through a football Board of Directors, the new coach will not be directly under Woolpert as Athletic Director but rather Terry Shoaff, Dean of Students at the University. Woolpert, however, is a member of the Board and will be advised and consulted with concerning the football program.

Vinci has been associated with outstanding football teams throughout his 13 years of coaching. Highlight of his career came in 1964 when Los Angeles State College, with Homer Beatty as head coach, won the college division national championships. Vinci was in charge of quarterbacks and handled all of the team's scouting chores.

Overall, the new USD coach has an 82-22-6 record which also includes eight championships.

In addition to coaching stops at L. A. State and COD, Vinci was also head coach at South Fork High School, Miranda, Calif. for two years with both seasons ending in championships. He later coached at Needles and Twentynine Palms High Schools.